(d) The petitions received are many in number and they relate generally to all the exclusions, whether handed over to the Revenue Department or not. To attempt at giving the names of petitioners, date of petition, etc., is a laborious task, and no useful public purpose will be served by undertaking such a task.

(e) The Revenue Department is taking action for the disposal of the areas.

(f) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to question (e).

(g) Exclusions forming margins of assigned lands are proposed to be assigned in the names of adjacent land-holders. Those forming separate compact blocks will be reserved for scientific method of agriculture or disposed of in auction, if they are found not suitable for that purpose. A portion of these plots is proposed to be reserved for assignment to Depressed Classes according to the recommendation of the Protector of the Depressed Classes and another for assignment to poor people.

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369. മിസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ,—(എ) കാര—കോതപറമ്പു റോഡ് കല്ലിട്ട തല്ലുവാൻ എടവില്ലങ്ങു പഞ്ചായത്തു് അപേക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു പറയുമോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആ അപേക്ഷക്കു എന്തു മറുപടി കൊടുത്തു എന്നു അറിയിക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. രാമൻ മേനോൻ.—ഉവ്വു്.

(ബി) ഈ പണി നടത്തേണ്ടിലേക്കു വേണ്ട എർപ്പാടുകൾ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് ആലോചിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ടു് എന്നു മറുപടി കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Potteries.

370. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they had the Potteries at Chalakkudi inspected by any outside expert ; if so, whether they have obtained any report regarding its present condition and future working ;

(2) has the Government come to any conclusions regarding its future working, and will their plans be placed on the Table of the House;

(3) is the Government aware that there are other tile factories turning out the same kinds of tiles as are turned out of the Potteries ;

(4) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the report on the Table of the House;

(5) what amounts have been spent upon the Potteries from the 1st of Chingam 1105, under all heads put together;

(6) what amounts have been realised by sale of products turned out at the Pottery Factory at Chalakkudi ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Government have decided to carry on the work on the lines followed at present, the raw materials and manufactured products being sent occasionally to experts for their criticisms and advice.

(3) Government are not aware of any tile factories in the State manufacturing Minton tiles, Stone-ware pipes, Fire-bricks and Fire-clay.

(4) A copy of the report is placed on the Council Table.

(5) From Chingam 1st 1105 to 29th Dhanu 1105, Rs. 3,336-5-2 including Rs. 1,628-6-0 paid to Mr. Deb for his expert report.

(6) Rs. 3,323-10-5.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know, Sir, the lines followed at present ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The lines followed at present are the manufacture of Minton tiles, stone-ware pipes, fire-bricks and fire-clay.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether these are not articles already being manufactured by others ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have no information. I do not think these articles are manufactured in the State.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The amount realised is Rs. 3,323-10-5. May I know whether you have any profit in that ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The rate of the articles was so fixed that the Government realised some profit. I cannot definitely say what profits we have realised.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Excluding overhead and establishment charges ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. We have taken into account all those things.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know for how many months this account is given ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—From 1st Chingam to 29th Dhanu; that is, the first five months.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is this Rs. 3,323-10-5 realised by way of sale to several Departments or by way of sale to outsiders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It includes both.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know how much goes to the Departments ?

Mr. V. K Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say for certain.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think at least a large quantity has been given for your Department.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I cannot say exactly how much we have taken.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whether the rate is the same for the Departments and the outsiders ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think we took a large quantity of things for the Viceroy's visit.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We took some.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—So Government itself might have contributed a part of this sum.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Are you keeping these accounts separately, or are they jumbled together ?

President.—There will be a sale register, and the customers' names will be entered there. From that you can find out whether it is the private customers or the Government.

Money spent under votable items.

371. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of money spent under each item of the budget head each year during the last 4 years 1101 to 1104 upon votable items by the Government:—

(1) for which no motions for grant were made in the Legislative Council, and

(2) by placing statements under Rule (a) 52 and (b) 51 of the Legislative Council Rules.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Statements containing all the available information for the years 1102, 1103 and 1104 are placed on the Council Table. Since no correct classification of accounts according to 'votable' and 'non-votable' was done in 1101, no accurate information can be given as regards that year.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know under which section the Government justifies this expenditure without either a statement or a motion in the Council ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The excesses incurred so far are inevitable ones on account of leave allowance, etc., in the establishment, and these are only reported to the Council where there are appropriation reports. Where there are no appropriation reports, it is placed under section 16 (9). The accounts for Karkadagam 1104 were closed only by the end of Dhanu. Additional applications from Heads of Departments are expected, and when they have not submitted, they are being reminded, and as soon as they are received, they will be placed on the Council Table under 16 (9).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—So, there are some more statements to be placed in regard to expenditure incurred last year ?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Yes.

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